

Newsletter: March 26th 2018

STAFF CHANGES AFTER EASTER

At the end of this week we say goodbye to **Mr Bown** who has been covering temporary contracts at the school back-to-back for the last two years. Mr Bown has taught almost every child in school during this time. As well as his organisation of our recent STEM activity day, the staff have been very grateful for his excellent IT skills and great team work with each year group. Mr Bown is moving to another academy in our Nova Education Trust group and we know they will be as pleased to see him as we have been!

As Mr Bown moves on, we will need to make sure that classes have the best teachers for their age and needs. This means that a few changes to staffing will be made for the Summer Term:

| Class | Current Teacher(s) | Summer Term Teacher(s) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year 4 Pankhurst | Miss Froggatt & Mrs Russell | Miss Froggatt & Mrs Evans |
| Year 3 Brunel | Miss Cao & Mr Bown | Miss Cao & Mrs Russell |
| Year 1 Nightingale Mondays | Mr Bown | Mrs Robinson |

Mrs Evans – We are pleased to welcome Mrs Evans back to school after her maternity leave. Mrs Evans will also cover weekly teacher release time for Miss O'D and Miss White in place of Mr Bown,

Mrs Robinson – We are pleased to welcome Mrs Robinson to Year 1 Nightingale each Monday for the summer term. An experienced teacher with a specialism in special needs, Mrs Robinson has met our Year 1 staff and children today ready to get started straight after the holidays.

READING

Thank you to everyone who returned our reading survey. The very positive response was great to read! We are very interested in getting Reading right for all of our learners - did you know:

| Child reads for: | Equals: | Words learned: | Expected grades |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 20 minutes a day | 122 hours a year | 1,800,000 | Top 10% |
| 5 minutes a day | 30 hours a year | 900 | Middle 50% |
| 1 minute a day | 6 hours a year | 180 | Bottom 10% |

Miss Cao

SPORTS RELIEF

Thanks for getting involved in Sports Relief 2018! The whole school had a great time being active on Friday 16th – and everyone looked very sporty too! The school passed on a donation of £69 to the Sports Relief Charity, going to help projects in the UK and abroad in supporting people to lead healthier and happier lives.

Miss Nock

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Rama Navami to our Hindu families celebrating last weekend, Happy Easter to our Christian families celebrating next weekend. Also Lailat al Miraj Mubarak to our Muslim families and Happy Vaisakhi to our Sikh and Hindu families for celebrations during the school holiday.



Diary Dates: April – May 2018

| Date | Year Group | Time | Event |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Tuesday 27 th March & Wednesday 28 th March | All | PM | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 29 th March | Nursery | AM | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Thursday 29 th March | All | 3.15pm | School Closes for the Easter Holiday |
| Monday 16 th April | All | 8.55am | School reopens for the Summer Term |
| Monday 16 th April | Y1 – Y6 | PM | Speak Out – Be Heard – Be Safe Assemblies with NSPCC |
| Wednesday 18 th April | Year 4 & 5 | 9.00 – 9.45 am | Free Maths workshop for Y4 and Y5 with Miss Froggatt |
| Monday 23 rd April | Years 5 & 6 | Day | Speak Out – Be Heard – Be Safe Lessons with NSPCC |
| Monday 23 rd April | All | 2.00pm – 3.00pm | Parents, Carers & Family Support Free Coffee & Cake event |
| Monday 23 rd April | All | 3.15 – 4.00 pm | Summer After School Clubs Start |
| Wednesday 25 th April | Nursery, Reception, Year 1 | Day | White Post Farm animals visiting school! |
| Thursday 26 th April | Year 1 Nightingale & Seacole | Day | English Learning Visit to Perlethorpe Outdoor Centre |
| Tuesday 1 st May | Reception Boot & Bell | Day | Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB |
| Thursday 3 rd May | Year 1 Nightingale & Seacole | Day | Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB |
| Monday 7 th May | All | Day | School Closed National Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 8 th May | Darwin Nursery | Day | Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB |
| Monday 14 th May to Thursday 17 th May | Year 6 Bridgetower | AM | Year 6 National Tests (SATs) |
| Monday 21 st May | 1, 3 & 5 | PM | Spanish Afternoon |
| Friday 25 th May | All | 3.15 PM | School Closes for May Half Term Holiday |